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Attn: Docket No. 2004d-0510
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

January, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ipswich Shellfish co. has been in business since 1935. We export and import product from all over the world. Our export trade to different countries specifically "live lobsters" has grown over the last ten years and has been an intrical part-of our success to our business. Live Lobsters is a highly perishable product that without the proper handling procedures can have a negative effect to the success of customer receiving high quality product. We have been EU certified since its inception as well as run our facilities under the HACCP guidelines. We are also part of NFI and have been one of there longest supporters in the industry. We strongly oppose any disruption or change in the way the government issues " health certificates " for the sole reason that it will be a loss in business and customers that can not be afforded at this time.

Sincerely,

Alexander Pappas
Vice President
Ipswich Shellfish Company

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